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B. USNATO 2853 DTG 220845Z MAY 75

C. USNATO 2854 DTG 220855Z MAY 75

D. USNATO 2904 DTG 231325Z MAY 75

1. SPC ON MAY 27 RETURNED TO THE QUESTION OF AN SPC MANDATE TO THE MBFR WORKING GROU FOR A WG STUDY OF CERTAIN MILITARY-TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF A RECIPROCAL DATA EXCHANGE.

2. UK REP (BAILES) SAID LONDON AGREED WITH U.S. THAT WG SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE WORK ON DATA IN OTHER BODIES, AND SHOULD USE EXISTING NATO-AGREED DATA IN ANY STUDY. UK WAS ALSO PREPARED TO AGREE TO A MANDATE FOR THE WG WHICH DID NOT IMPLY AT THIS POINT ANY PARTICULAR SCENARIO FOR AHG USE OF DATA WITH THE OTHER SIDE. UK COULD THEREFORE AGREE
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TO THE DRAFT MANDATE TO THE WG SUGGESTED BY THE U.S. AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING (PARA 7, REF A, AND PARA 1, REF B). AT THE SAME TIME

THE UK REMAINED CONVINCED THAT THE ALLIANCE WILL EVENTUALLY NEED

TO PLAN ON HOW TO REPLY TO THE EAST, IF EASTERN FIGURES FOR EASTERN MANPOWER, DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM ALLIED ESTIMATES, OR IF EASTERN FIGURES ON TANKS DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM ALLIED FIGURES. UK THEREFORE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF THE WG MANDATE AT A LATER DATE. UK WOULD ALSO WELCOME COMMENTS IN SPC ON UK PAPER ON DATA ISSUES (REF C AND D), AND WOULD LIKE THE UK PAPER TO BE ON AT LEAST THE NEXT SPC AGENDA.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID THAT THE FRG COULD ALSO AGREE TO THE DRAFT MANDATE TO THE WG SUGGESTED BY THE U.S. BONN WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR THE WG TO LIMIT ITSELF TO PERSONNEL STRENGTH, AND NOT GET INTO EQUIPMENT DATA. BONN, LIKE THE UK, DID NOT SEE THIS MANDATE AS IMPLYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE ACENARIO FOR AHG USE OF DATA WITH THE OTHER SIDE. IT DID NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT THE AHG WOULD BEGIN ITS DATA EXCHANE WITH NATO RELEASE OF NATO DATA. THE FRG DID NOT SEE A NEED FOR URGENT ALLIED WORK ON DATA ISSUES, PARTIUCLARLY IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE EASTERN ATTITUDE TOWARD DATA EXCHANGE THUS FAR IN THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING SESSION.

4. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES PREFERRED THE RESTRICTED U.S. MANDATE, RATHER THAN THE ONE PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED BY UK. HE WISHED TO CONFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S.MANDATE WOULD ALLOW WG TO PULL TOGETHER NOT ONLY UNCLASSIFIED OFFICIAL SOURCES, BUT ALSO DATA FROM IISS AND SIPRI. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS INTERPRETATION.

5. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) SAID HE COLD GO ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY IN SUPPORTING THE U.S. DRAFT MANDATE. CANADAIN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID HE COULD ALSO, AND THE HE PERSONALLY AGREED WITH UK THAT THE ALLIES WILL NEED TO FACE UP TO THE QUESTION OF DATA ON PACT FORCES, AND ON TANKS.

6. U.S. REP (MOORE) SAID THAT HE WISHED TO STRESS THE FACT THAT THE DRAFT MANDATE LIMITED THE WG TO REVIEWING SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF A DATA EXCHANGE.

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7. SPC APPROVED THE MANDATE TO THE WG PER PARA 7, REF A AND PARA 1, REF B. SPC WILL HAVE THE UK PAPER ON DATA ISSUES (REFS C AND D) ON THE AGENDA AT ITS NEXT MEETING, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENT ON UK PAPER IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 5.
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